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Increase of staff and bed-strength in the Stanley Hospital, Madras.

* 181 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of beds and the staff working in the Government Stanley Hospital, Rayapuram, Madras; and

(*b*) whether any report has been received by the Government from the hospital authorities for increasing the beds and provisions?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There is no proposal at present for increasing the bed strength of the Stanley Hospital, Madras, but there is a proposal for employing additional staff in the hospital.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" சென்ற ஆண்டில், சென்னையில் முக்கியமான 10-30
ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் ஒன்றான ஸ்டான்லி ஆஸ்பத்திரியை எத்தனை தடவை a.m.
அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பார்வையிட்டிருக்கிறார் ? அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் படுக்கையின்றி, பாயின்றி தாழ்வாரத்தில், நோயாளிகளைப் படுக்கவைத்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்ற விஷயம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, they are to be seen lying on the floor in many of the hospitals. In the year 1951, the bed strength of this hospital was increased from 462 to 724. Additional staff has also been employed. Now it has been decided to build four more blocks of buildings. Two blocks are in the course of construction. Two more blocks of buildings are proposed to be taken up in connexion with the Part II Schemes."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This question has come up before the House a number of times in different forms."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that due to the paucity of beds in hospitals and due to the incessant questions put on the subject on the floor of this House regarding lack of facilities for patients and allowing patients to lie on the veranda and open ground, the Doctors in charge of the Hospitals are refusing admission to the in-patients though they are suffering from acute diseases? "

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASWAMI :—" Sir, the hon. Member said 'in-patients are refused admission'. How can in-patients be admitted, Sir? "

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister has not evidently heard my question."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member said that in-patients were refused admission. How can in-patients be refused admission? (Laughter.) Probably the hon. Member meant patients and not in-patients."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I have said that the bed strength of hospitals is being increased year after year according to the necessities in each case. It is not possible to give admission to all people who seek admission. They are not able to do that even in economically advanced countries like England and America."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் நோயாளிகளைப் படுக்க வைப்பதற்கு இரும்புக் கட்டில்களை வாங்க பணம் இல்லாவிட்டால், குறைந்த விலையில் கயிற்றுக் கட்டில்களையாவது வாங்கி, தற்கால நெருக்கடியைத் தீர்ப்பதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is no space available now in the hospitals for placing those cots."

Adjudication of the dispute between the management and the staff of Messrs. Parry & Co.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Union representing the staff of Messrs. Parry & Co. applied to the Government for adjudication of the dispute between the management and the clerical staff of the company; and

(*b*) if so, the reply given by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Parry Employees' Union was informed that Government did not propose to refer any of the issues for adjudication for the reasons stated in the reply.

I may add that this question was discussed yesterday and I have also given full particulars."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Parry கம்பெனியில் குமாஸ்தாக்கள் எவ்வளவு நாட்கள் ஸ்டிரைக் செய்தார்கள் ? இந்த ஸ்ட்ரைக்குக்கு காரணம் என்ன என்பதையும், குமாஸ்தாக்களுடைய கோரிக்கைகள் என்ன என்பதையும் பற்றி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறுவாரா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the demands were : revision of wages, fixation of pay of several of the employees in the revised scales of pay, the date from which the revised scales of pay are to be given effect to, house rent allowance, dearness allowance, overtime allowances, bonus for 1950–51, gratuity, leave privileges and revision of provident fund rules. I am not now in a position to answer for how long they struck work. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I will answer. Probably, I think, they struck work for two or three days."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question came up before the House yesterday and I allowed 10 minutes for that question."